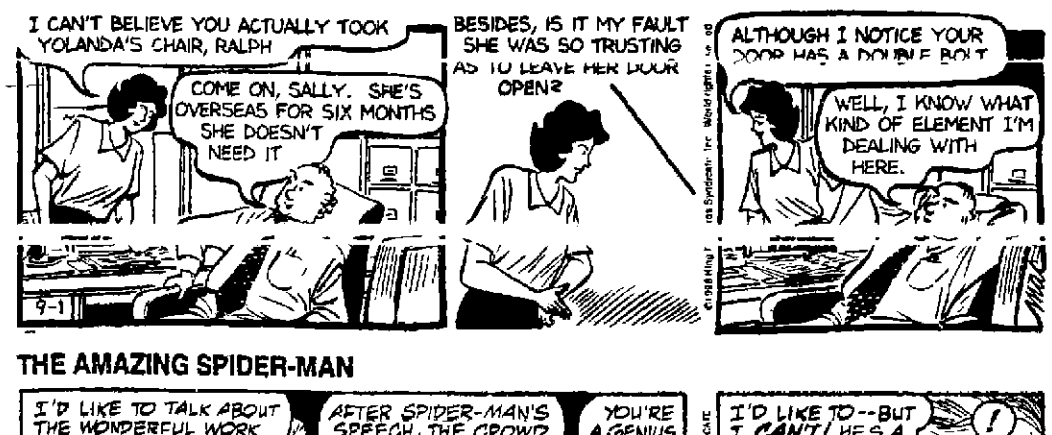
## BLONDIE

## SALLY FORTH




## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

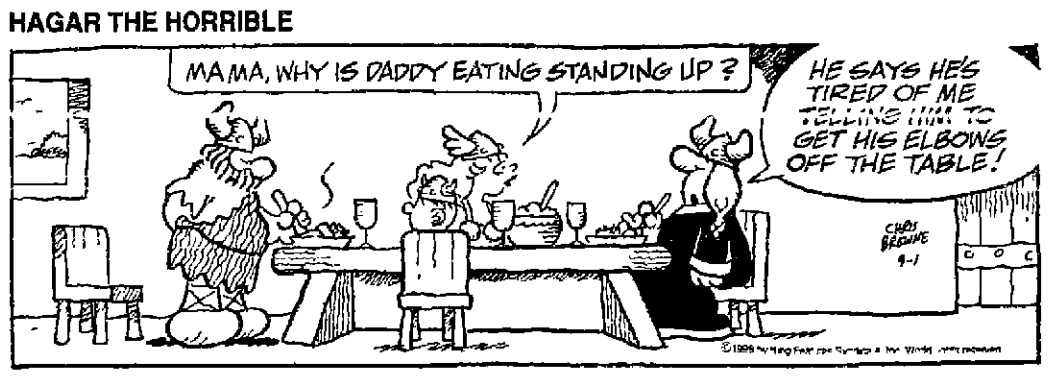
## 9 CHICKWEED LANE

## ANDY CAPP

## ROSE IS ROSE




## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

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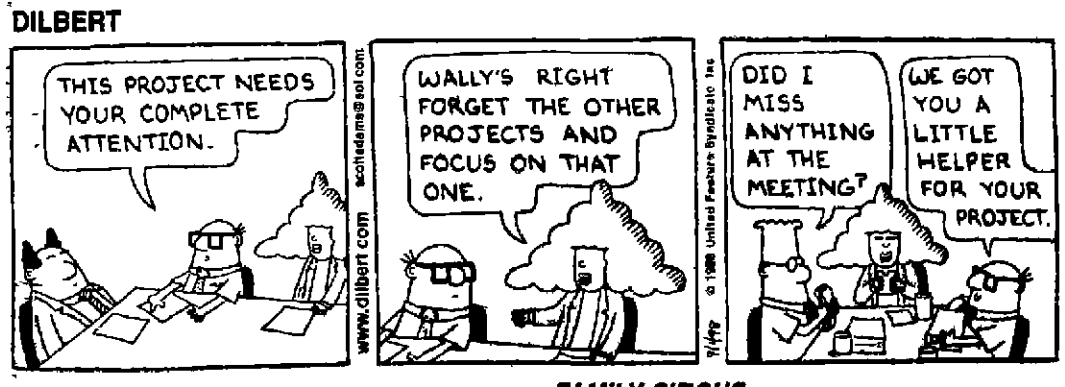
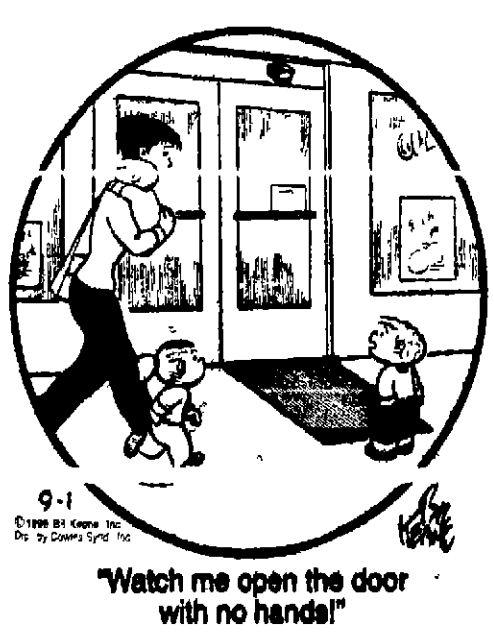
## DILBERT




## DENNIS THE MENACE

## FAMILY CIRCUS




## RHYMES WITH ORANGE

## RALPH

"They only handle haunted houses"

## Today's Birthdays

Actor **Richard Fernsworth** is 78. Actress **Yvonne** [illegible] Actor **Vittorio Gassman** is 76. Country singer **Boxcar Willie** is 67 Conductor **Seiji Ozawa** is 63 Actor **Ron O'Neal** is 61 Actor **Don Stroud** is 61 Comedian-actress **Lily Tomlin** is 59 Singer **Barry Gibb** is 52 Singer **Gloria Estefan** is 41 Former White House Press Secretary **Dee Dee Myers** is 37 Jazz musician **Boney James** is 37 Rap DJ **Spigg Nice** (Lost Boyz) is 28

## I NEED HELP

The trouble with marrying a mind reader.

## SCRABBLE

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| W4 | T1 | S1 | I1 | I1 | T1 | N | 4th Letter Triple |
| W4 | R1 | I1 | I1 | E1 | E1 | V4 | 3rd Letter Double |
| R1 | Y4 | L1 | S1 | R1 | I1 | O1 | |
| T1 | B3 | S1 | A1 | A1 | A1 | L1 | |

RACK 1 | RACK 2 | RACK 3 | RACK 4

**PAR SCORE 130-140**

**by JUDD**

**FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT 20 MIN**

**DIRECTIONS** Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value All Judd s words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Website ) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers) **JUDD S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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## HOROSCOPE

**For Wednesday, Sept. 2, 1998**

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Balance and harmony are your immediate lessons Don t obsess over something just because it s good

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Planning whether a trip or financial goals for your retirement has suddenly become your top priority

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Without realizing it you might be driving someone absolutely crazy

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Important people in your life might not have as much time for you as you d like

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug 22) Your social status might be on the line so keep up appearances and set an example of what good behavior should be

**VIRGO** (Aug 23 to Sept 22) Playing hooky might be what you need to perk up your spirits

**LIBRA** (Sept 23 to Oct 22) Those nagging home repair projects you've been putting off have finally become a necessity Blow the dust off the tools and get started

**SCORPIO** (Oct 23 to Nov 21) Speak your mind freely and others will listen Answer your long lost pen pals and clean out your e mail in-box

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 22 to Dec 21) All the benefits of an upwardly mobile career will come into your hands Expect that your ambitions for all these months will finally be realized

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22 to Jan 19) You will have what you want the most a rewarding climb up life s mountain

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 20 to Feb 18) Enjoy quiet and solitude Notice the splendid things around you that you ve been taking for granted

**PISCES** (Feb 19 to March 20) You might find yourself the mouthpiece of the group Get all the necessary information to make crucial decisions

## WORD SLEUTH

**– Girl**

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| C | Z | X | U | S | Q | N | E | L | E | J | T | G | E | C |
| Z | X | V | T | C | H | O | I | R | W | C | R | T | P | N |
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Monday's unlisted clue PORTLAND

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions – forward, backward, up, down and diagonally
Tuesday's unlisted clue hint FRONT OF A MAGAZINE

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ball | Copy | Geisha | Paper |
| Bat | Dream | Little | School |
| Camp Fire | Errand | News | Show |
| Choir | Flower | Office | |

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## ACES ON BRIDGE

**By Bobby Wolff**

"I thought you'd never find the switch chided an impatient East One more heart lead and he would have made his game" I couldn t be sure of what to do at trick three replied an innocent West. His hearts may have been A-10 doubleton However, all became clear later" Dummy's heart jack won the first trick, and South cleverly dropped his 10 A club finesse went to South s jack and West's queen, and West led another heart to dummy's king, vainly hoping the ace and king would crash on the same trick Dummy's king won and South led dummy's spade jack to West's queen, losing another finesse But West now had more information Instead of banging away at hearts, hoping to cash out when he gained the lead with his diamond king, West switched to a low diamond This attacked South's weak suit, and with East's spade ace still at large, South could win only eight tricks How did West know to switch to diamonds?

| | |
|---|---|
| | NORTH 09-01 A<br>♠ J 10 9 6<br>♥ K J<br>♦ 5 4<br>♣ K 10 9 8 5 |
| WEST<br>♠ Q 3<br>♥ Q 9 7 6 4 2<br>♦ K 10 2<br>♣ Q 7 | EAST<br>♠ A 7 5 2<br>♥ 5 3<br>♦ Q J 9 8<br>♣ 6 3 2 |
| | SOUTH<br>♠ K 8 4<br>♥ A 10 8<br>♦ A 7 6 3<br>♣ A J 4 |

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 NT* | Pass | 2 ♣ | Pass |
| 2 ♦ | Pass | 2 NT | Pass |
| 3 NT | Pass | Pass | Pass |

*15-17 HCP

Opening lead Heart six

He counted South s known high-card points and those he rated to have Obviously, South had the ace and jack of clubs and the ace of hearts His play in spades made sense only if he held the ace or king This brought his high-card total to 12 or 13, therefore, he couldn't hold more than the A-J of diamonds if South held the spade ace and the Q-J of diamonds, the defense could not prevail South would repeat the spade finesse and would lose only four tricks Accurate defense, though often difficult becomes less difficult if one takes time to picture declarer's holding

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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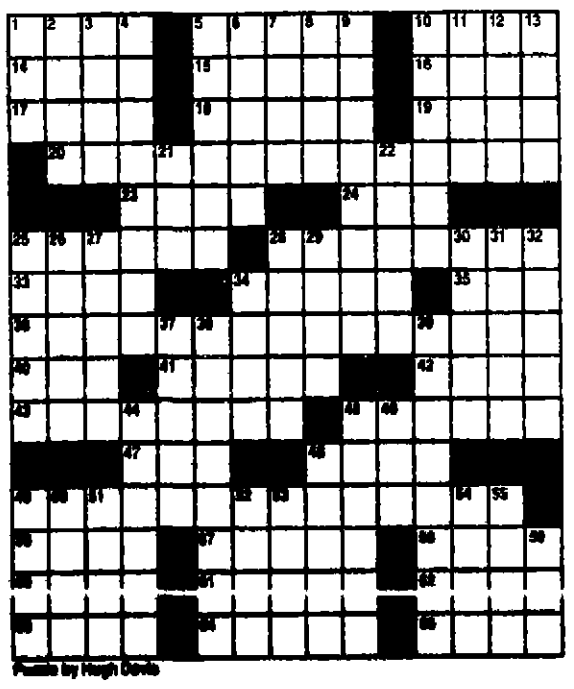


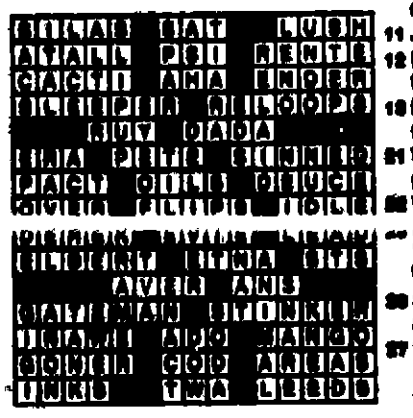
**ACROSS**

1 Artist Chagall
5 Words to live by
10 Kind of liquor
14 Coloratura's piece
15 Units to be subdivided
16 —— vera
17 Water source
18 Financial wherewithal
19 Storm
20 Supermarket tabloid subject #1
22 Fifty-fifty
24 Hosp. procedure
26 Like marble
28 Like Charlie Chan
33 Research facility Abbr.
34 Policy position
35 Gardner of "Show Boat"
36 Supermarket tabloid subject #2
40 Coach Parseghian
41 Exudes
42 "Stat!"
43 Romeo
46 Cars that are in the shop a lot
47 Hate grp
48 Donaldson and others
49 Supermarket tabloid subject #3
56 Appear ahead
57 It starts with Genesis
58 Mideast carrier
60 Tulip planting
61 Sans company
62 Rhody, in an old song
63 Concerning
64 More green
65 Lockbox document

**DOWN**

1 Gullet
2 Geometrician's figuring
3 Brook
4 Hot, in Jalisco
5 "Out, —— spot!": Lady Macbeth
6 Continental divide?
7 Snag
8 Darn
9 Not checking to make sure
10 1990's Fox sitcom
11 Jai ——
12 Nike's swoosh, for one
13 Popular youth magazine
21 Woman in a garden
22 Words to live by
23 Conclusion's "The —— of Wakefield"
25 Start of a new affo
27 Faith of five million Americans
29 Playful animal
30 Beame
32 Renaissance Italian poet
34 Birdlike
38 Reindeer herders
39 [illegible]
42 Knocks on the noggin
38 Elton John or Mick Jagger
39 Three-time Masters champ
44 Like some arms
45 Soap (up)
46 Record label inits.
48 Classic 1953 western
49 Isle of exile
50 Reed and Costello
51 Electric unit
52 Seat of Allen County, Kan.
53 Sprout
54 Collegiet's need
55 Sensible
56 Inc., abroad

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**



Puzzle by Hugh Davis

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